

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-92 are pending in the application, with claims 1 and 65 being the independent claims. Claims 2, 9, 11, 23-25, 35, 37, 48, 56, 58, 64, 65, 72, 75, 79 and 84 are sought to be amended. Claim 2 has been amended only to include a period at the end of the claim.

Claims 9 and 24 have been amended to recite ethylenedioxy. The specification is also sought to be amended to recite ethylenedioxy at pages 16-17, ¶ [0033]. Support for these amendments may be found in original claims 10 and 74.

Claims 11, 23, 37, 56, 58, 64, 75, 79 and 84 have been amended to correct typographical or grammatical errors.

Support for the amendment to claim 25 may be found in the specification at page 26, lines 17-18, and in original claims 1 and 11.

Support for the amendment to claims 35 and 48 may be found in the specification at page 16, ¶ [0032].

Support for the amendment to claim 65 may be found in the specification at pages 14-15, ¶ [0028].

Support for the amendments to claim 72 may be found in original claim 65.

None of these changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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